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## GRANADA

### ARMY SERVICES HELD FOR FIVE

Military memorial services at Granada on Aug. 5 honored six Japanese American soldiers from the Granada Relocation Center killed in Italy, stated the Associated Press.

The former Californians were: S/Sgt. Bill Iwao Yamaji, Mountain View; Pfc. Kiyoshi K. Muranaga, Gardena; Pfc. Arnold Ohki, Livingston; Pfc. Leo Kikuchi, Sebastopol; Pvt. Calvin Saito, 1517 W. 36th St., Los Angeles; Pvt. Joe R. Yasuda, Santa Rosa.

In addition Pvt. Yoshi Matsuka, formerly of Walnut Grove was reported missing in action. The three listed as wounded are Sgt. Tom H. Furusho, Rt. #4, Sebastopol; Pfc. James S. Karatsu, 1664 W. 37th St., Los Angeles; Pvt. Jack Y. Mametsuka, Capay.

## MANZANAR

### YOUTH POSES AS JAPANESE

"Who knows what kind of blood runs in my veins. Who can say I haven't got Japanese blood in me," spoke Ralph Lazo, 19 year old Mexican youth who passed himself off as a Japanese American for two years. This strange case was announced by the United Press on Aug. 5.

Registering as an American-born Japanese in May, 1942, Lazo, son of a Navy veteran of World War I, was sent to the Manzanar Relocation Center. He believed that his friends of Japanese ancestry were loyal to the United States, so decided to follow suit when they were ordered to evacuate the West Coast.

Lazo will be released from the center for induction into the Army. He said he hopes to be sent to the Japanese Ame-

## NISEI TREASON TRIAL OPENS IN DENVER COURT

The trial for the three nisei women charged with treason opened in the U.S. District Court in Denver according to an AP report. The snapshots of three nisei sisters in the arms of German prisoners of war will constitute an important part of the government's evidence.

The defendants--Mrs. Tsuruko Wallace, 35 years old; Mrs. Florence Otani, 33; and Mrs. Tanigoshi, 32--from Inglewood, California, who had been evacuated to Granada Relocation Center in Amache, Colorado, had been accused of aiding the Germans to escape from the Trinidad prisoners of war camp last October and face a possible death sentence if convicted.

The women are charged with treason, penalty being \$10,000 fine or five years' imprisonment to death, and alleged conspiracy to commit treason with the maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and two years in prison.

This will be Colorado's first treason trial and one of the few such cases in the United States to involve women.

## COUNCIL

### Sends Petition To Keep Wolter

Butte Community Council petitioned directly to Director Dillon S. Myer that Hugo W. Wolter remain here as head of the Community Management Division.

The petition read as follows:

"That said Hugo W. Wolter be retained in this center as head of the Community Management Division; that any transfer to other duties now contemplated by the War Relocation Authority be rescinded, and that he be allowed to continue to serve the evacuee-residents as such head, out of regard for the welfare of over nine thousand loyal evacuees, whose confidence he has gained through honest effort, thorough understanding, and sound counselling.

## FUTURE PLANNING PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS REVEALED

Of the 943 families which have been counselled under the future planning counselling program, 591 or about 63 per cent are unfavorable toward relocation, according to a report by Mary McCarthy, who heads the interviewing program.

Statistics on the relative importance of various obstacles to relocation show that old age and poor health lead. The obstacles according to their relative importance is as follows:

Old age, poor health-521

cases, fear of outside-320, language handicap-250, draft-168, plans depend on others-153, lack of financial resources-135.

Three different groups, sampled to see how they felt about relocation, resulted as follows:

Group 1 (one or more of the family relocated)-46% favorable, 54% unfavorable.

Group 2 (random sampling)-39% favorable, 61% unfavorable.

Group 3 (two or more of family now employed in center)-35% favorable, 65% unfavorable.